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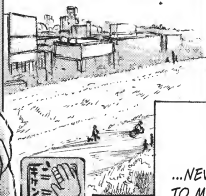
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CHANGING
MY NAME

IN THE
ORDINARY,
EVERYDAY
BACKGROUNDS
YOU COULD
FIND ANY-
WHERE...



...PEOPLE
PASS
EACH
OTHER
BY...

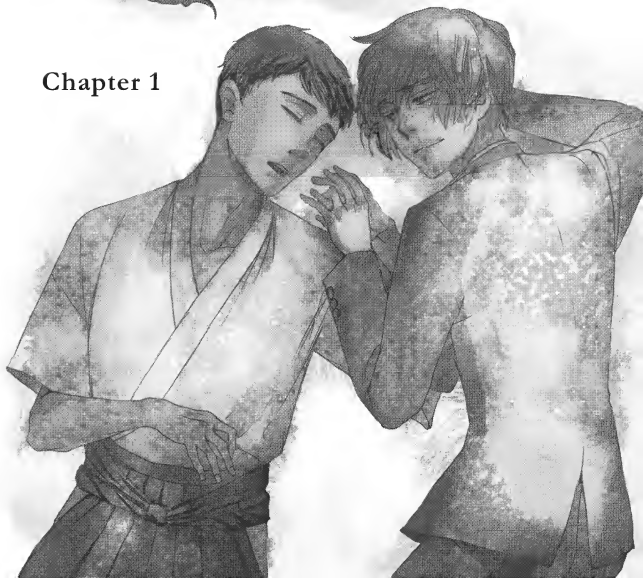
...NEVER
TO MEET
AGAIN...

OR THEY
MAY BE
REUNITED.

THEY MAY
EVEN FALL
IN LOVE.



Chapter 1





I'M
YOSHIYA
KANDA.

A SECOND-
YEAR STUDENT
AT D HIGH
SCHOOL AND
A MEMBER OF
THE MOVIE
CLUB.

THE
WIND IS
STRONG...

WHEN I
GROW UP,
I WANT TO
WORK IN
THE MOVIE
INDUSTRY.



HA
HA
HA
HA

WHY'D YOU
HAVE TO
SAY THAT?!

THEN MORE
RUNNING
FOR YOU.

SENSEI,
IT'S COLD
BY THE
RIVER!



MAYBE
I'LL FILM
THEM...

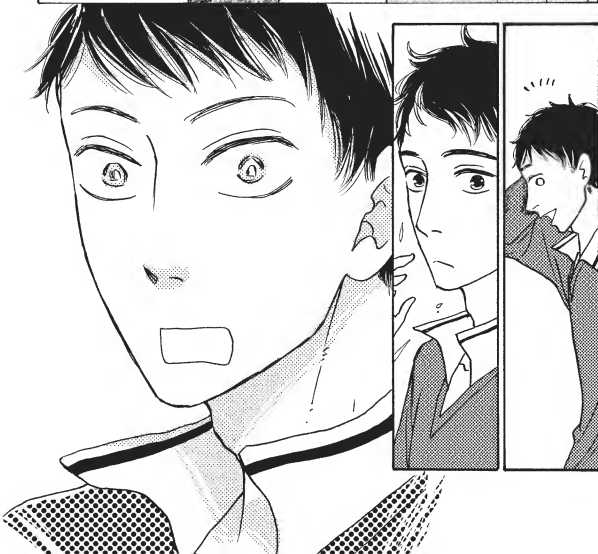


THOSE ARE
K HIGH
SCHOOL
JERSEYS...

I wonder what
club that is...









YOSHIYA?

MIT-
CHAN...?

Huh?
What's
going on?

YOU GOTTA BE
KIDDING ME!!

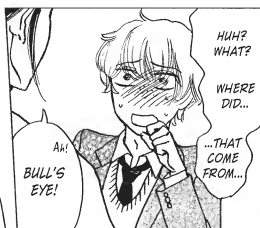
IS THIS A
MIRACLE
...?

MAN,
I WAS
TOTALLY
SUR-
PRISED.
IT'S BEEN
EIGHT...
NO, NINE
YEARS?

TeKYU









YUU-KUN!

O-O-KAY.

LET'S EAT
OVER
THERE.

YUU-SAN
MADE MY
HEART FEEL
LIGHTER.



OH,
SHIT.

BUT...
I WAS
ALONE TOO,
IN THAT
SAME WAY.

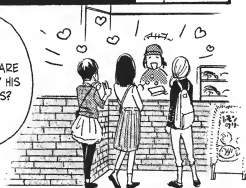
HERE,
THE CHIVES
ARE
ON THE
HOUSE!

TH-
THAT'S
TERRIFY-
ING.

HE MANIPULATES
THEM. THAT'S
HOW HE GETS
THE BONUSES
FOR TOP SALES.

APPARENTLY.
HE HAS PEOPLE
WHO WANT
TO BE MORE
THAN JUST HIS
CUSTOMERS.

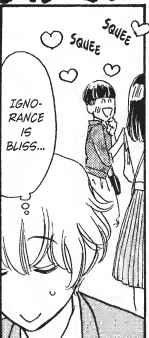
WHO ARE
THEY? HIS
FANS?



ANYWAY,
MIT-CHAN, DID
YOU JOIN THE
ARCHERY CLUB
WHEN YOU
STARTED HIGH
SCHOOL?

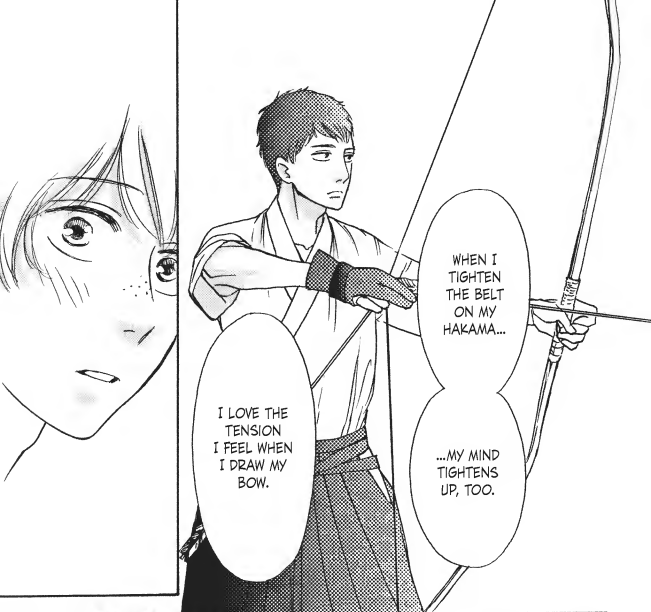
...BUT OUR
UNIFORMS
ARE SUPER
COOL!

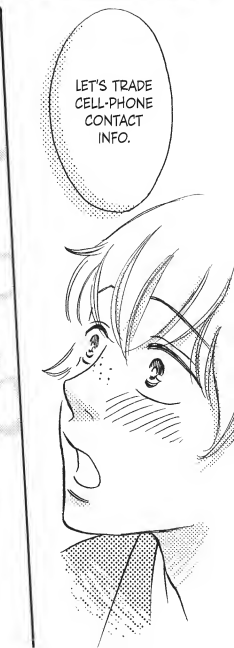
YEAH.
WE'RE WEARING
JERSEYS TODAY
SINCE WE WERE
TRAINING
OUTSIDE...



IGNO-
RANCE
IS
BLISS...

SQUEE
SQUEE







WHAT A
SUDDEN...

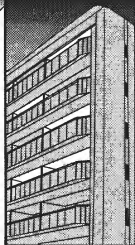
...PLOT
TWIST...



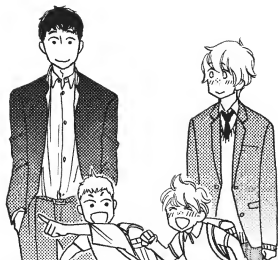


AFTER
ALL...

WE ONLY
MET UP
AGAIN
TODAY...
HOW CAN
I SAY I
LOVE HIM?



AND HE'S
BUILT, TOO...
WE USED TO
BE ABOUT THE
SAME SIZE.



HE LOOKS
EXACTLY THE
SAME, BUT
HE'S SO TALL
NOW...



Dear Mit-chan,
I want to see you.
I miss you. On the train,

...THAT THEY
EVEN MADE
ME CRINGE.



AFTER I
TRANSFERRED...
I WROTE A
LETTER TO
MIT-CHAN RIGHT
AWAY.

BUT I
COULDN'T
SEND IT.

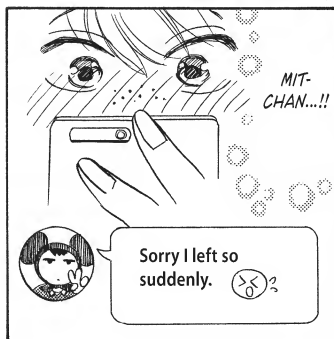
AFTER ALL,
MY WORDS
WERE SO FULL
OF EMOTION...





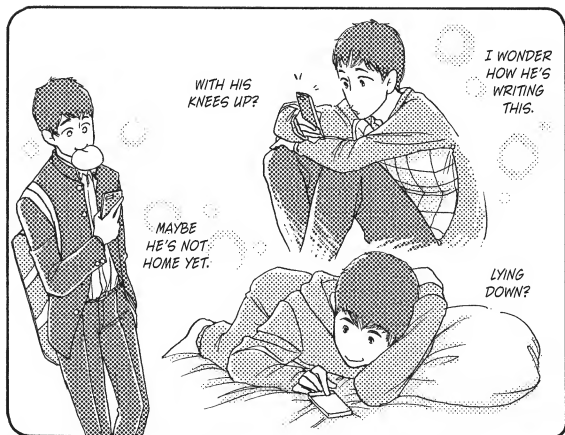
MIT-
CHA...

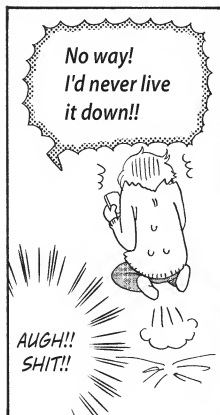
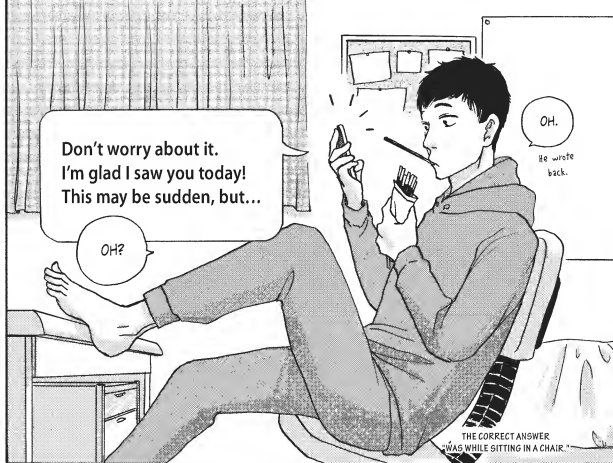
JUST THE
THOUGHT
THAT HE'D
LEARN I
LIKED HIM AS
MORE THAN
A FRIEND...



Sorry I left so
suddenly.



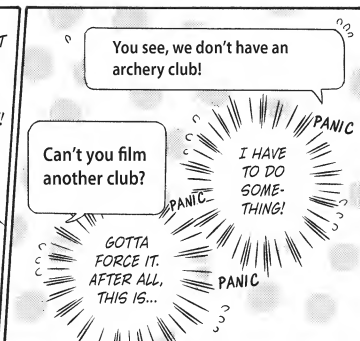






...MY BEST
EXCUSE
TO KEEP
MEETING
MIT-CHAN!

MI...



You see, we don't have an
archery club!

Can't you film
another club?

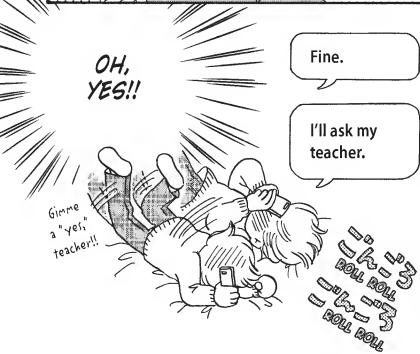
I HAVE
TO DO
SOME-
THING!

GOTTA
FORCE IT.
AFTER ALL,
THIS IS...

PANIC



I want to know about the
club you fell in love with.



OH,
YES!!

Gimme
a "yes,"
teacher!!

Fine.

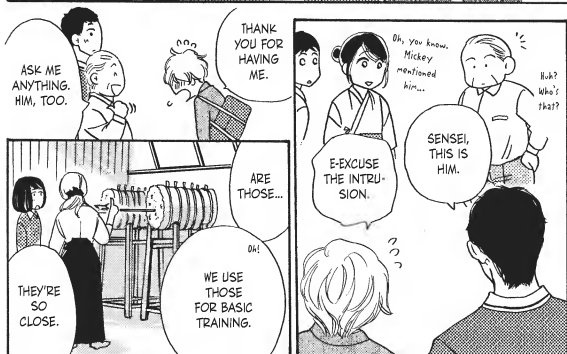
I'll ask my
teacher.

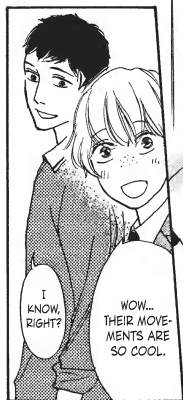


...

HUSSH





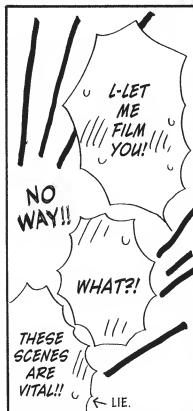


I
KNOW,
RIGHT?

WOW...
THEIR MOVE-
MENTS ARE
SO COOL.



THOK



L-LET
ME
FILM
YOU!!

NO
WAY!!

WHAT?!

THESE
SCENES
ARE
VITAL!!

← LIE.



CHANG-
ING

IN

THE

FLESH!



I'LL GO
GET
CHANGED.
WAIT HERE.



WELL,
YEAH. I
GUESS.

...WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

STARTING TO FEEL
EMBARRASSED.

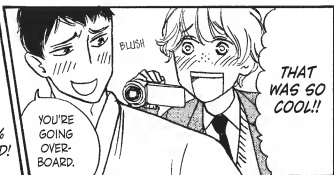


FIRST YOU
TIE THIS
HERE.

WAIT, DO
YOU REALLY
NEED THIS
PART?!

I
DO! ///

AND
DONE!





THE SMELL
OF HIS
FRESHLY
WASHED
UNIFORM.

HIS
COLLAR-
BONE.



OH.

13!
4
LIFT



STARE

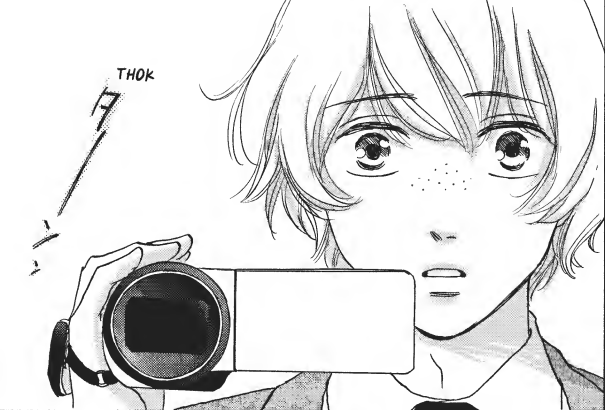


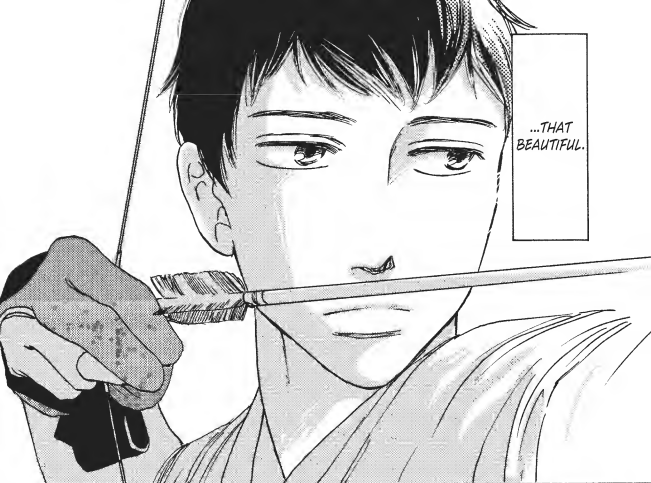
HIS
BODY'S
BIGGER
THAN I
THOUGHT
...

ARE YOU
OKAY? THAT
SUNOKO* IS
DANGEROUS.

Everyone trips on
it at least once.







...THAT
BEAUTIFUL.



I'll pass
'em around
outside.

LIKE SHE'S
MADE FOR
HER DOGI
UNIFORM....!

WOW,
SHE'S
PRETTY...

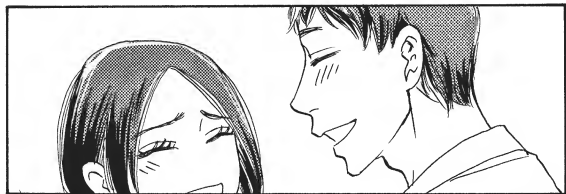
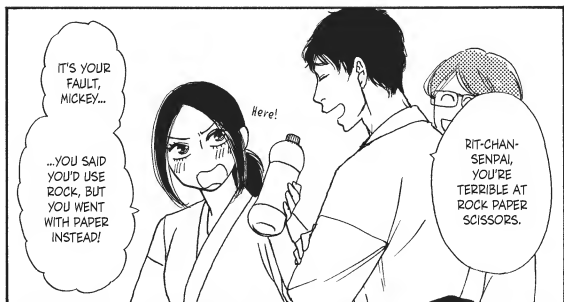


AND WHO SORRY.
MAKES A
THIRD-
YEAR RUN
ERRANDS?

BUT YOU
ALWAYS GO
ANYWAY,
RIT-CHAN.
(LOL)



RIT-CHAN-
SENPAI,
YOU'RE
LATE.





TO SEE THIS
EXPRESSION?

SHE'S
PRETTY,
HUH?

THAT
THIRD-
YEAR.
RIT-CHAN-
SENPAI,
RIGHT?

WHY AM
I ASKING
HIM THIS?

YOU CAME
TO FILM
THE CLUB,
RIGHT?!
DON'T GO
OFF-TOPIC!

HEY,
STOP
THAT....!

...YOUR
GIRL-
FRIEND!

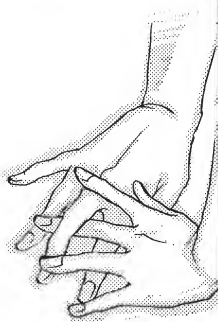
MIT-CHAN,
YOU'RE
HESITAT-
ING!
WHICH
CAN ONLY
MEAN
SHE'S...

DON'T
SAY IT.

...

YOU WERE
FLIRTING
WITH EACH
OTHER.

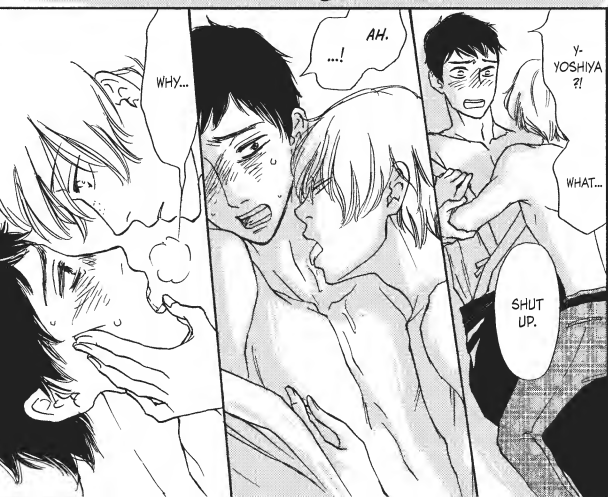
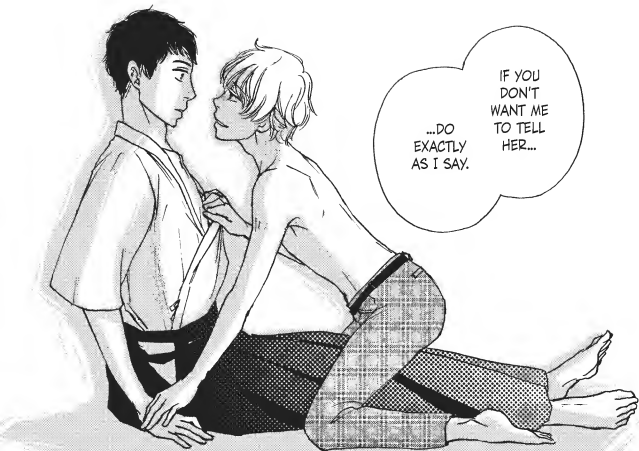
WHY AM
I SMILING?



SO
INSTEAD,
WHY DON'T
I CAUSE
SOME
ACTUAL
TROUBLE
FOR YOU?

THAT
WOULDN'T
BOTHER
YOU,
WOULD
IT?









EVEN IN MY
DREAMS...

I'VE
ALWAYS
LOVED
MIT-CHAN.

...OR AWAKE,
I'D NEVER
WANT TO
VIOLATE
MIT-CHAN IN
THAT WAY.

...
URNH!

NGH...

...
UHHN...

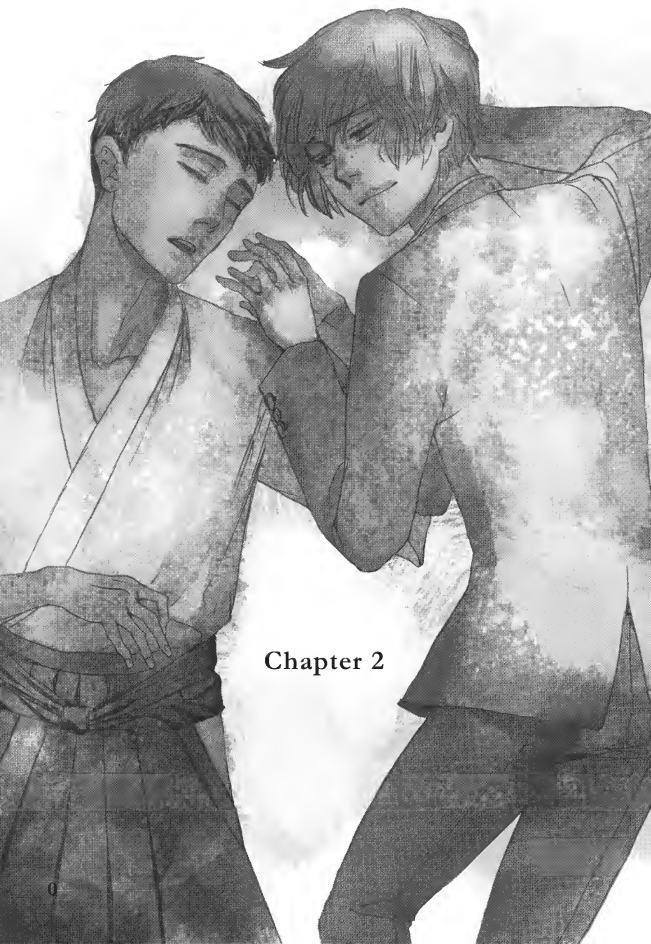
I'VE
ALWAYS...

...TREASURED
THESE FEEL-
INGS.

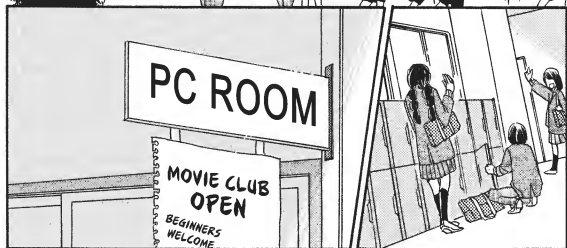
WHY
DID I...

...HAVE TO
BE BORN
A MAN?





Chapter 2

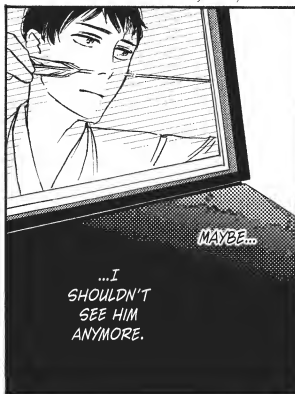




IT WAS
JUST A
DREAM...

...BUT I
RAPED
MIT-CHAN.

I'M
TRASH.



MAYBE...

...I
SHOULDN'T
SEE HIM
ANYMORE.

HE'D GET
ALL WORRIED
IF I GAVE
HIM SOME
HALF-BAKED
BRUSH-OFF.

I MEAN,
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
MIT-CHAN
HERE...

...TO
SUDDENLY
STOP SEEING
HIM WOULD
COME OFF AS
STRANGE.

BUT...

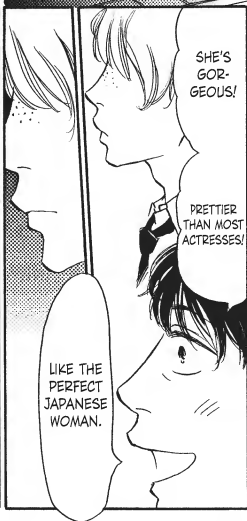
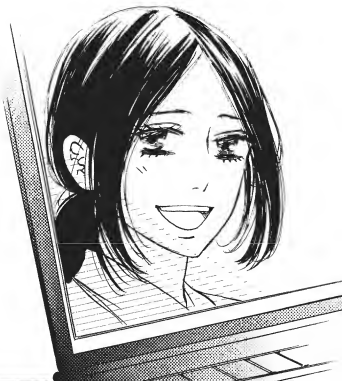


...TO SEE
MIT-CHAN
AGAIN. EVEN
KNOWING THE
FULL SCORE.

...TRYING
TO FIND
EXCUSES...

I KEEP...





I'M WILLING
TO HURT
SOMEONE TO
MAKE THEM
MINE.

HOLDING A
GRUDGE AND
INSULTING
THEM OUT OF
JEALOUSY.

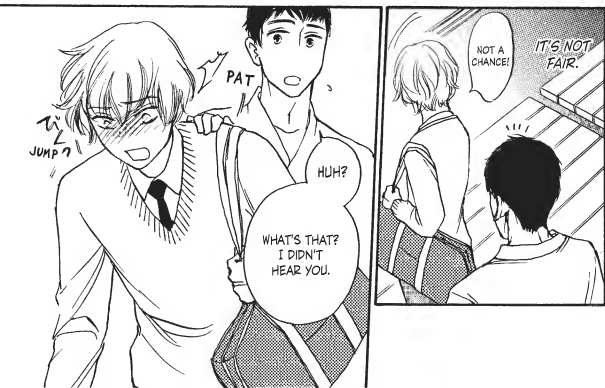
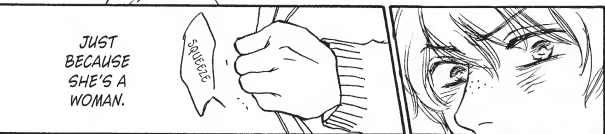
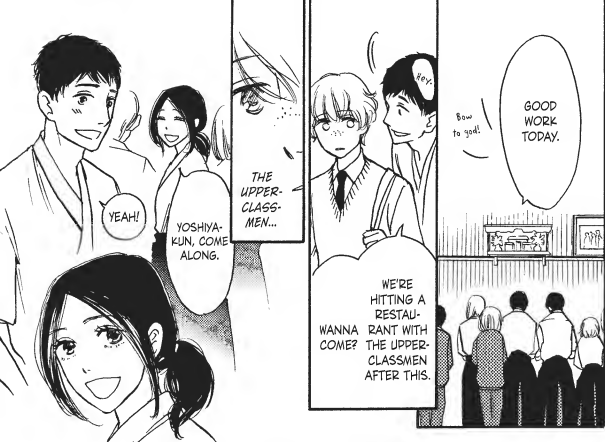




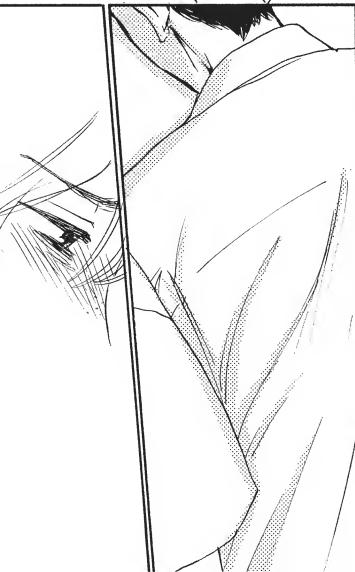
BUT...

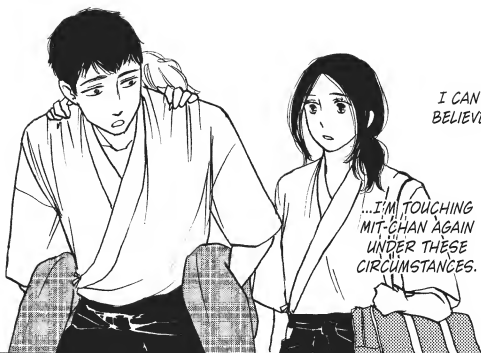
...I CAN'T
STOP
LOVING
HIM.











I CAN'T
BELIEVE...

...I'M TOUCHING
MIT-CHAN AGAIN
UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES.



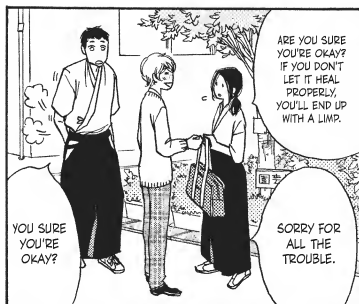
COME ON
YOU TWO!
DON'T BE
SO DAMN
NICE!



I'M FEELING
HAPPINESS...

...DEFEAT...

...AND
GUILT ALL
MIXED
TOGETHER.





I KNOW,
RIGHT?

...



RIT-
CHAN-
SEN-
PAI...

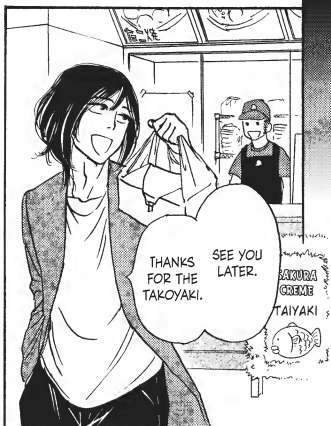
...IS A
REALLY
NICE
PERSON.



THANKS!
SEE YOU!

I'LL GIVE YOU
A COPY, SO
YOU CAN ALL
WATCH IT.

I'LL LET
YOU KNOW
ONCE I
FINISH THE
MOVIE!



THANKS
FOR THE
TAKOYAKI.

SEE YOU
LATER.

TAKURA
CREME
TAIYAKI



TUMP!

Don't
push that
leg!

SURE!
WE'LL BE
WAITING!





WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
YOSHIYA?



THIS ONE
DOES.

WHAT?
FEET
DON'T
KILL
YOU.

I'M
GONNA
DIE.

MY FOOT
HURTS.



IT'S
ABOUT
TO KILL...
...MY LAST
EIGHT
YEARS.

...BUILDING
FOR EIGHT
YEARS.



I'LL KILL
THESE
FEELINGS
I'VE HAD...



THAT'S
HOW IT
ALWAYS
GOES.

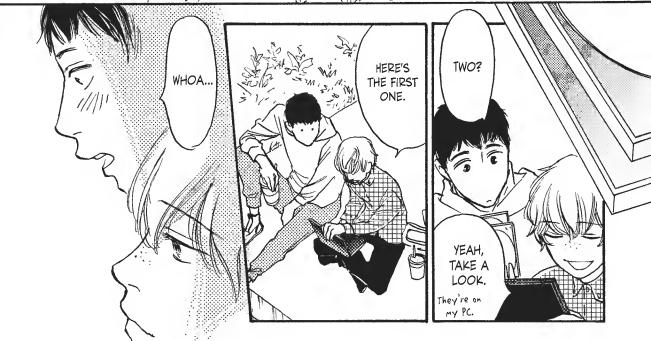
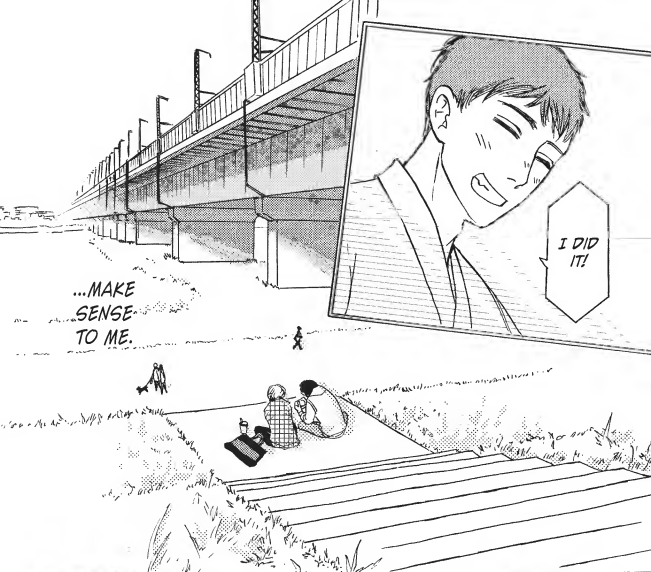
Ahh...

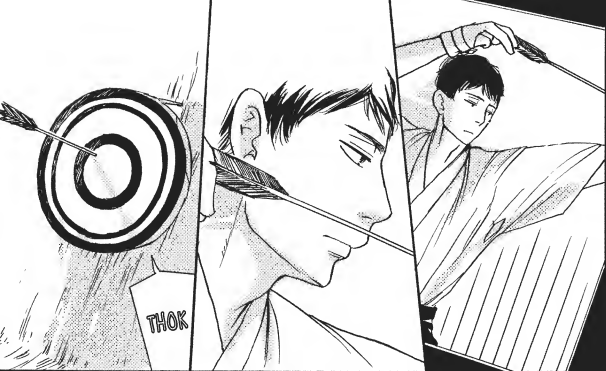
I WASN'T
EXPECTING
IT TO TURN
OUT LIKE
THIS...











YEAH.
YOU'RE
COOL.

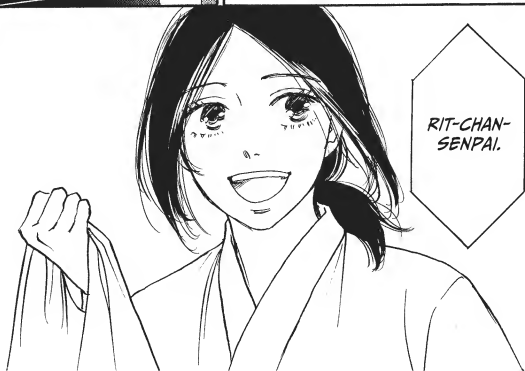
YOU KNOW,
I AM
REALLY
COOL...

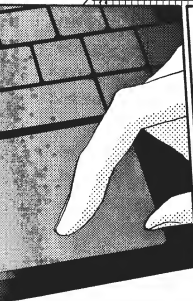
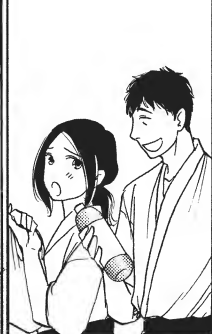
YOSHIYA,
YOU'RE AMAZING.
THAT WAS A
COOL MOVIE.

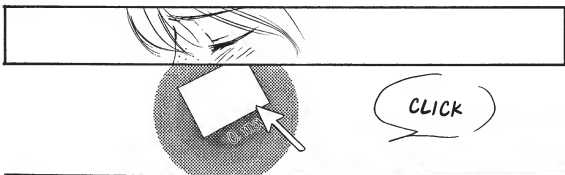
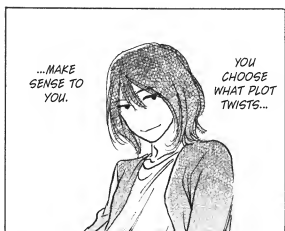
THANKS
FOR
MAKING
IT.

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO SAY, "NO,
FULL OF
MYSELF!
I'M A GREAT
DIRECTOR!"



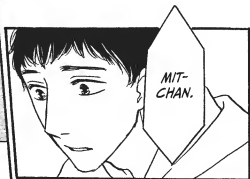




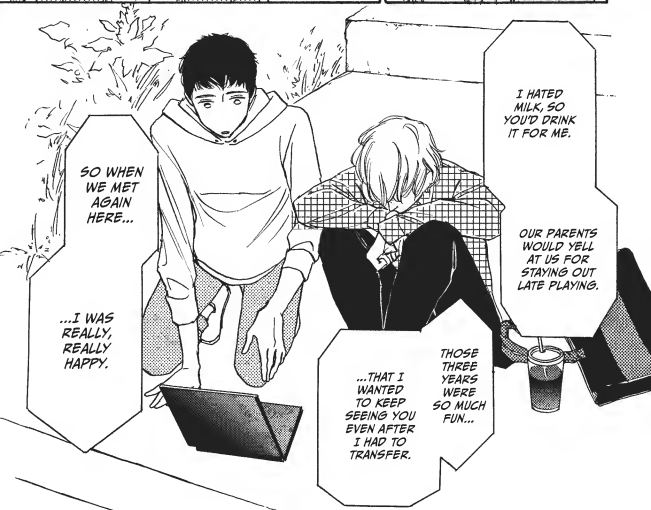




WE'VE
KNOWN
EACH OTHER
SINCE FIRST
GRADE.



MIT-
CHAN.



SO WHEN
WE MET
AGAIN
HERE...

...I WAS
REALLY,
REALLY
HAPPY.

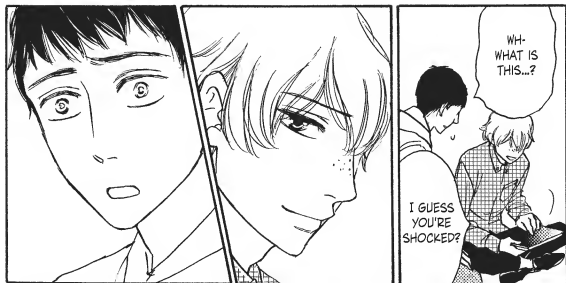
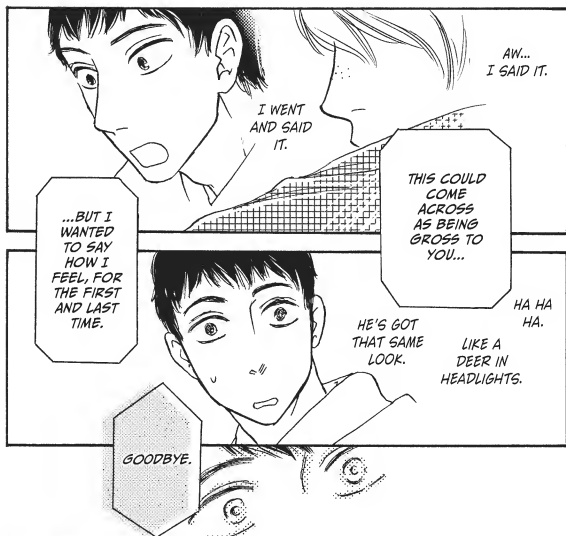
I HATED
MILK, SO
YOU'D DRINK
IT FOR ME.

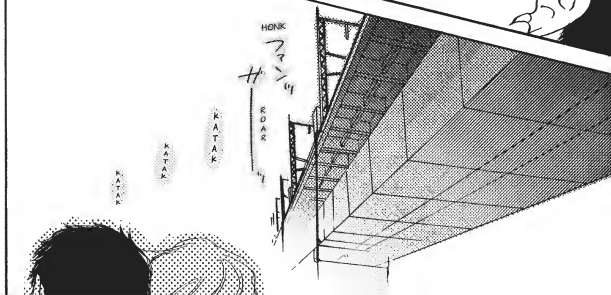
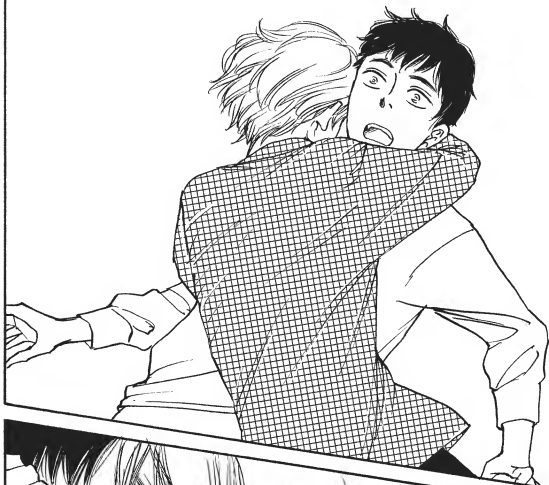
OUR PARENTS
WOULD YELL
AT US FOR
STAYING OUT
LATE PLAYING.

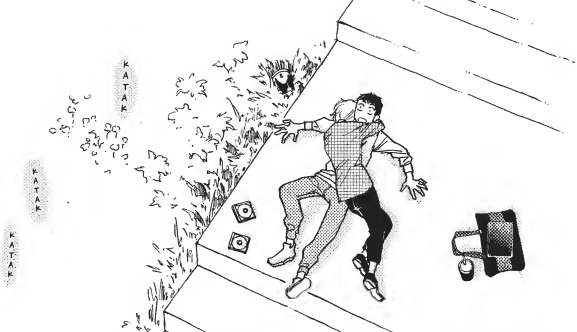
...THAT I
WANTED
TO KEEP
SEEING YOU
EVEN AFTER
I HAD TO
TRANSFER.

THOSE
THREE
YEARS
WERE
SO MUCH
FUN...









THIS IS
THE BEST
PLOT
TWIST...

THIS IS
FINE.

...I COULD
COME UP
WITH.

NOT JUST
THAT.

I'M ROOTING
FOR YOU IN
EVERYTHING
YOU DO.

I THINK
YOU AND
RIT-CHAN-
SENPAI
MAKE A
GREAT
COUPLE.

...BUT NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS, I'M
BEHIND YOU
A HUNDRED
PERCENT.

WE WON'T
SEE EACH
OTHER
AGAIN...





I'M
SURPRISED
HOW I CAN
ACT LIKE
NOTHING
HAPPENED.

LATER.

BYE!



...IT'S
SO
HOT.

SEASONS
TURNED, AND
WE CHANGED
INTO OUR
SUMMER
UNIFORMS.

NAH,
I HAVE TO
SEE THE
DOCTOR.

Sinus
problems.

NOT
COMING
TO CLUB
TODAY?



When's my
appointment?

...BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO
ABOUT
THAT.

I CAN'T
DENY THAT
THERE'S A
HOLE IN MY
HEART...

高等学校

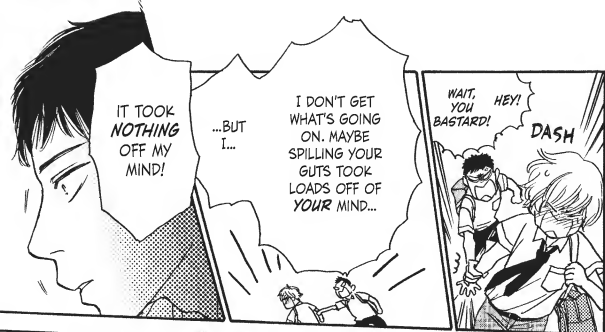
HEY,
WEASEL.

SIGN: HIGH SCHOOL



YOU
ERASED YOUR
CELL-PHONE
CONTACT
INFO.

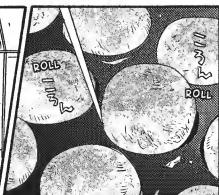
I'M STILL
PISSED
OFF ABOUT
THAT!











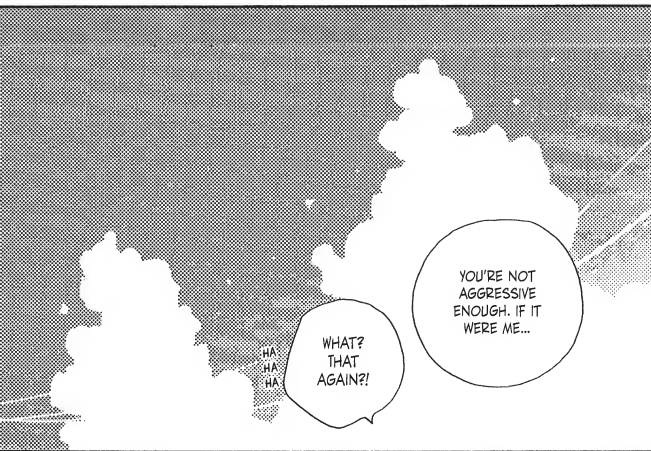
I CAN NEVER THINK OF HIM AS JUST A FRIEND.

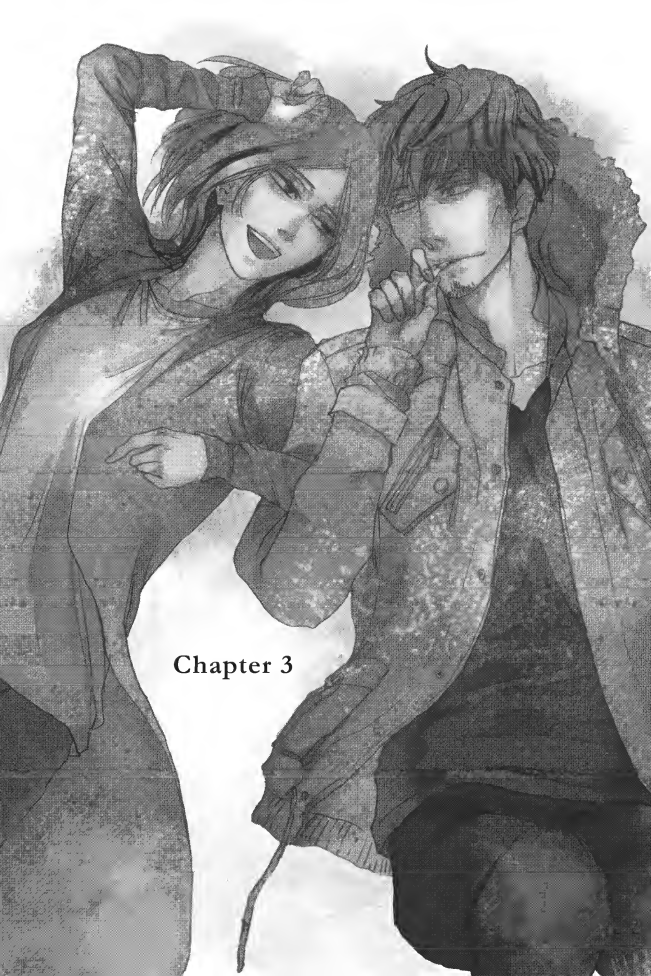
STILL...

I CAN'T... BE COMPLETELY RID OF IT. BUT WE WERE ABLE TO SAY...

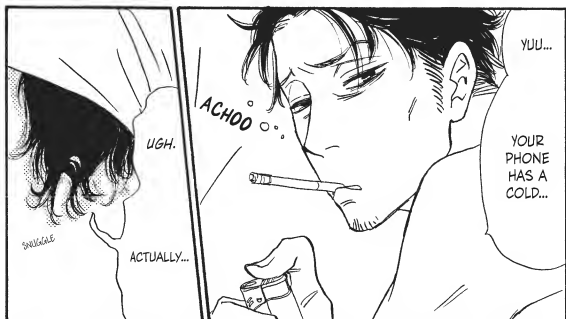
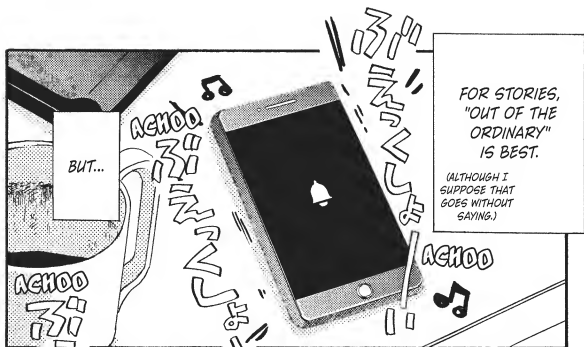
...OUR GOODBYES.







Chapter 3



THAT
STINKS!

MAKOTO-SAN,
CAN'T YOU
GET OUT
OF BED TO
SMOKE?

...WHEN IT
COMES TO
REAL LIFE,
I LIKE IT
"ORDINARY."
QUIET, FUN,
AND
UNEVENTFUL.

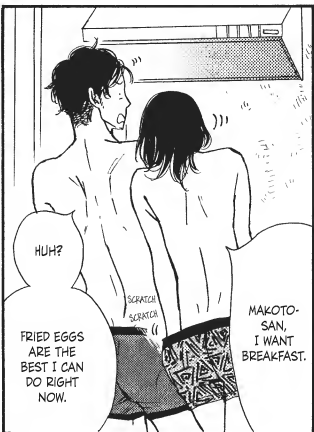


IT'S BEEN ABOUT THREE MONTHS SINCE YUU STARTED SPENDING ONE NIGHT A WEEK AT MY PLACE.

THE TAKOYAKI SHOP HAS LONG HOURS.

WANT A COFFEE?

YEAH.









...WAS AT
A BAR...
BY COINCIDENCE, OF
COURSE.



NAKAMURA-
SAN?!

HEY!

IT'S
SATOMI-
SAN!



NAKAMU-
RA-SAN
WORKS
AT THE
ENTER-
TAINMENT
AGENCY.

SHE
HELPS ME
ALL THE
TIME...

I see.



ARE YOU
ALONE?

WHY
DON'T YOU
JOIN US?

NO,
WITH A
FRIEND.



I'M...
YUU
YANAGI-
HARA.



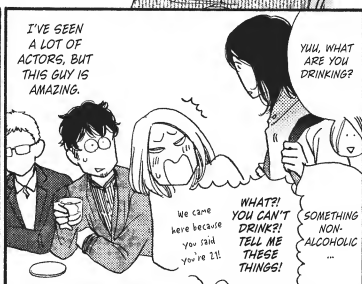
YUU, THIS
IS MAKOTO
SATOMI-
SAN.



HE'S SO
COOL AND
BEAUTIFUL!!



SATOMI-
SAN,
ISN'T
YUU
NICE?



I'VE SEEN
A LOT OF
ACTORS, BUT
THIS GUY IS
AMAZING.

YUU, WHAT
ARE YOU
DRINKING?

We came
here because
you said
you're 21!

WHAT?!
YOU CAN'T
DRINK?!
TELL ME
THESE
THINGS!

SOMETHING
NON-
ALCOHOLIC
...



RIGHT NOW
ALL HE'S
GOT IS HIS
FACE.

SHINE
◇
SNICKER ◇
◇

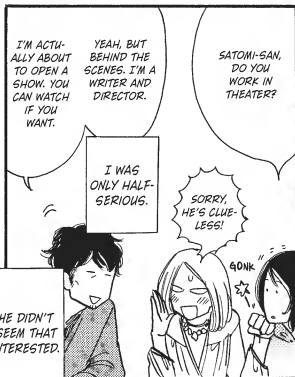
NAKAMURA-
SAN,
THAT'S
MEAN.



HE'S STILL
LEARNING
TO BE AN
ACTOR...

...BUT HE
HAS A
LOT OF
POTENTIAL.

I'M
GONNA
MAKE HIM
A STAR!



I'M ACTU-
ALLY ABOUT
TO OPEN A
SHOW. YOU
CAN WATCH
IF YOU
WANT.

YEAH, BUT
BEHIND THE
SCENES. I'M A
WRITER AND
DIRECTOR.

SATOMI-SAN,
DO YOU
WORK IN
THEATER?

I WAS
ONLY HALF-
SERIOUS.

SORRY,
HE'S CLUE-
LESS!

GONK

HE DIDN'T
SEEM THAT
INTERESTED.



...BUT THEY
GAVE HIM
QUALITY
PARTS.

WE'RE BOTH
THE BRAND
CALLED
"MEN"...



SERIOUSLY,
THOUGH.

I WANTED
TO CAST
HIM IN ALL
KINDS OF
ROLES.

HE HAD
AN ANDRO-
GYNOUS
BEAUTY.

HE DID
LOOK
AMAZING
JUST
SITTING
THERE.

HEY, YOU
ACTUALLY
CA...

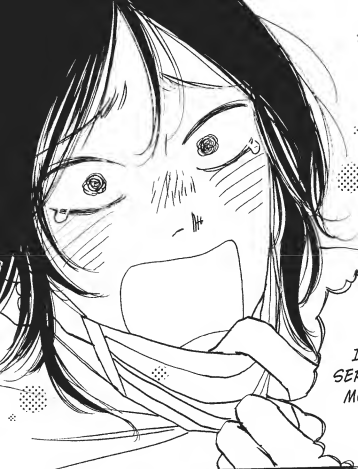
YANAGI...
HARA?

OH!

BUT YUU IS
SURPRISINGLY
METICULOUS
ABOUT
FULFILLING
OBLIGATIONS,
SO...

Good work!
You were
great!



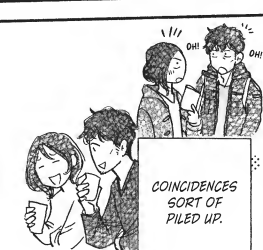


D-DO YOU
HAVE A
FEVER?

HUH?
YOU MOVED
AWAY?

...MOVED.

I WAS
SERIOUSLY
MOVED!!



COINCIDENCES
SORT OF
PILED UP.

WE ATE TOGETHER
AND DRANK
TOGETHER (NON-
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
FOR YUU).

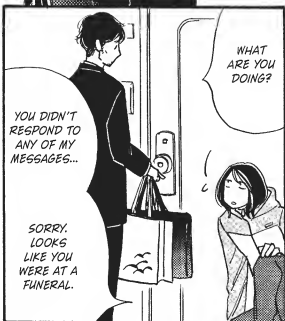
UH...

THANKS.

HE
WASN'T
AS COOL
AS I
THOUGHT.



I'M GOING TO
BECOME AN
ACTOR YOU
CAN CAST IN
ANY PART!



LOOKING
BACK...

IT'S OKAY.
COME IN.
THE PLACE
IS A MESS
THOUGH.

NO.





IF I...
LOSE MY
JOB...

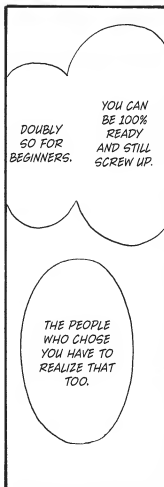
THIS ISN'T
SOME
SCHOOL
PRODUC-
TION!

IF I RUIN
THE
SHOW...



YEAH,
"ALREADY!"

I'M NOT
SURE I
CAN DO IT!



DOUBLY
SO FOR
BEGINNERS.

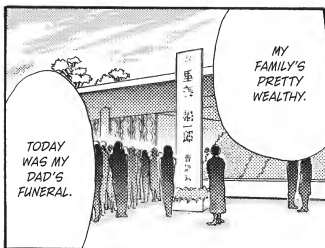
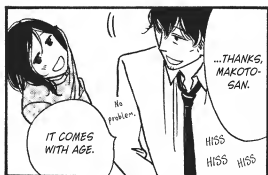
YOU CAN
BE 100%
READY
AND STILL
SCREW UP.

THE PEOPLE
WHO CHOSE
YOU HAVE TO
REALIZE THAT
TOO.



EVERYBODY
GOES DOWN
THIS PATH.

IT'S OKAY.



I THOUGHT
MY BROTHER
AND I GOT
ALONG, BUT
AFTER SO LONG,
THE FIRST
THING HE SAYS
TO ME IS...

...I HAD NO
INTENTION
OF CLAIMING
ANY INHERIT-
ANCE.

SO EVEN
WHEN MY
PARENTS
DIED...

I LIVED
HOW I
WANTED,
AND IT GOT
ME ALL BUT
DISOWNED.

I'M THE
SECOND
SON.



THERE ISN'T
ONE PENNY
IN THIS FOR
YOU!

INSTEAD,
REALLY
HE
THOUGHT
I...

HELL!
I DUNNO.
HA HA.

...IS WHAT
I'D LIKE
TO THINK...

...BUT I
THOUGHT
HE HAD MY
BACK.

YOUR KIDDIE
COFFEE.

NO...

THAT'S
AWFUL
...

HE PROBABLY
WENT THROUGH
HELLS THAT
I NEVER HEARD
ABOUT.

PRETTY
PATHETIC,
HUH?



HUH?

MAKOTO-SAN.

ANYWAY,
SCREW THE
DEPRESS-
ING TALK!
LET'S HAVE
A DRINK
AND...



I GUESS
I FEEL
DOWN
'CAUSE
IT SEEMS
LIKE A
BETRAYAL.



...
WHAT?

STARE



I...

...WANT
TO ENFOLD
YOU IN MY
ARMS.



YEAH,
I KNOW.

WAIT,
ARE YOU...

IT'S NOT
THAT.
I JUST...



CAN'T
I?

LEAN
'''

WHAT?!



I WAS
ACTUALLY
STRAIGHT.



HE SEEMED
LIKE KISS-
ING WAS NO
BIG DEAL,
AND YET...

...HE WAS
TREMBLING
A LITTLE
ANYWAY.



BUT...

...YUU WAS
JUST SO
BEAUTIFUL.



I
HAVE
TO...

I COULDN'T
HELP BUT
THINK THAT
WAS A LITTLE
BIT CUTE.

YOU
COME ON
STRONG
...



IS WHAT I
THOUGHT.

ぽん
ぽん
WUMPH
!

WELL...

...
WHATEVER.



NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
MAYBE...

I'VE NEVER
BEEN WITH
A MAN
BEFORE.
ARE YOU
SURE?



...I JUST
DIDN'T
WANT TO
BE ALONE.

...THAT
DAY...



I
WONDER
WHY.



TWITCH

AH.



YOU DON'T
MIND ME
UNDRESS-
ING YOU,
DO YOU?

"BA-
DUMP

UH.

OH...



BY A
BODY...

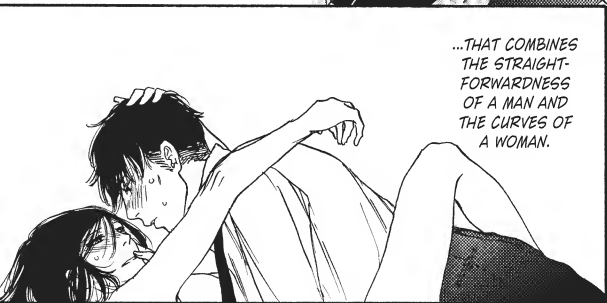


I'M...
ACCEPTING
THIS.

...I'M
BEING
SEDUCED.

NO, IF
ANYTHING...

TAKE
THEM ALL
OFF...



...THAT COMBINES
THE STRAIGHT-
FORWARDNESS
OF A MAN AND
THE CURVES OF
A WOMAN.



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

WHAT...

HOW LONG
HAS YUU
SEEN ME
THAT WAY?

IS THIS
NORMAL
FOR HIM?

CAN I BE
PART OF
THIS?

OR DID HE
JUST NOT
WANT TO
BE ALONE
EITHER?

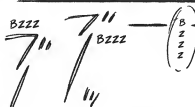
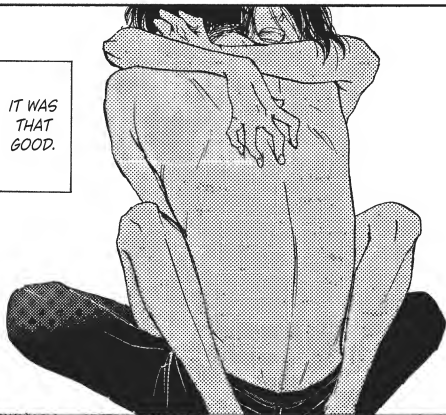
SHOW...

SHOW
ME WHAT
MAKES
YOU FEELS
GOOD...

MY DOUBTS
AND HESITATION
WERE ERASED
IN AN INSTANT.

SHOW IT
TO MY
BODY...

IT WAS
THAT
GOOD.







SHUDDER

HE WAS...
THE REAL
DEAL.

I DIDN'T JUST
CHOOSE HIM
BECAUSE WE
HAD SEX OR
BECAUSE HE
WAS THERE.



YOU'RE
MY FRIEND.
THE ONLY
ONE I CAN
TELL.

SHIGH

IS THAT
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
SPREADING
AROUND?

HA HA HA

THIS GUY MAY
BE OFF THE
RAILS IN A LOT
OF WAYS...
AND I SLEPT
WITH HIM.



WELCOME
TO THE
MINORITY.

♪



I THOUGHT
"AN ORDINARY,
QUIET, FUN,
AND PEACEFUL
LIFE" WAS YOUR
MOTTO.

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH GOING WITH
THE FLOW AND
ENGAGING IN
SOME CASUAL
SEX?



I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
COMPLIMENT.

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT YOU
COULD SWING
BOTH WAYS.

GENDER
NEVER
FACTORED
INTO YOUR
JUDGMENTS.

And you're a
pushover. (lol)



"LOOKING
FOR?"

ONLY
HE CAN
ANSWER
THAT.



...

I WONDER
WHAT HE...
WHAT YUU IS
LOOKING FOR
HERE?

THERE'S
NOTHING
MORE
VAGUE...

HE WAS
RIGHT.

...OR UNCERTAIN
THAN WHAT A
PERSON SAYS
DURING TRULY
IMPORTANT
MOMENTS.

...BUT THERE'S
NOTHING MORE
UNCERTAIN
THAN THE
MEANING OF
A PERSON'S
WORDS...

YOU CAN
ASK HIM...



SO I
DON'T ASK
POINTLESS
QUESTIONS.

IF IT'S FUN
AT THAT
MOMENT,
I GO WITH
IT.

OUR TIME
TOGETHER
WAS
PEACEFUL.

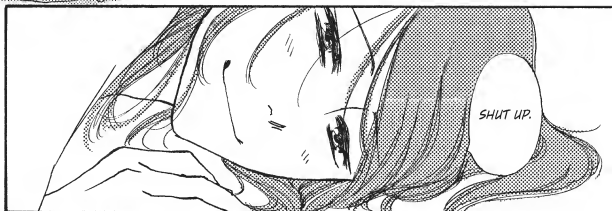
You made
these?!

AND I DO
HAVE FUN
WHEN I'M
WITH YUU.



AND MORE
THAN ANYTHING,
IT FELT GOOD
WHEN YUU
TOUCHED ME.







HIS OFF-
THE-CUFF
COMMENT
BOTHERED
ME.

SHOULD
I HEAT
IT UP?

COLD
IS FINE.

I'LL MAKE
SOME
COFFEE.

I
DON'T
KNOW
WHY.

TSK.

HUH?

DON'T LET THIS
ONE GOOD ROLE
GET TO YOUR
HEAD.

ACK.

SQUISH



AND I HAD
NO WAY OF
KNOWING
THEN THAT
THE FISH
BONE...

...WOULD
GET LODGED
IN THERE
OR NOT.



LOOKS
LIKE RAIN.

I should take
an umbrella.

HEY.

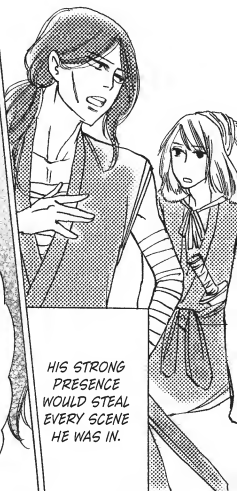
SO I HAD HIM
APPEAR IN MY
NEXT SHOW
TOO.

HE BEGAN
TO GARNER
ATTENTION
DUE TO THOSE
BACK-TO-BACK
APPEARANCES.

YUU DID WELL
IN THAT FIRST
SHOW, AND
AGAIN IN THE
PART I WROTE
JUST FOR HIM.

CAFE

HOW LONG
CAN HE KEEP
WORKING AT
THE TAKOYAKI
SHOP?



FROM THE
MOMENT
WE MET...

WAS I
SEDUCED
BY HIS
WORDS...?
NO.

BUT IS
THAT
THE ONLY
REASON?

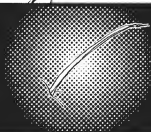
YUU WAS
HANDSOME
AND A GOOD
ACTOR.

I CHOSE HIM
BECAUSE I
THOUGHT HE
WAS PERFECT
FOR THE
ROLES.



AND THE
WAY HIS LIPS
TREMBLED...

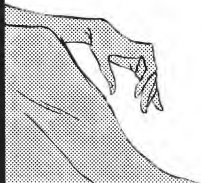
ALSO THAT
TIME...



...THAT
BONE
PIERCED
ME, EVER
DEEPER.

EVERY
TIME HE
MATURED
MORE...

"WAS IT ALL JUST
AN ACT? ALL
CALCULATED?"







THIS
THEATER
HAS GOOD
SOUND.

IF WE DO IT
HERE, THE
SCHEDULE...

...WILL BE
PRETTY
TIGHT.

IF IT WOULD
DESTROY MY
ORDINARY
FUN AND
PEACE, I'D
RATHER LEAVE
THINGS BE.

THAT SHIT
IS A WASTE
OF TIME.

Yuu here! :)
I should be done with
work tomorrow at about
sunset.
Can I stop by your place?

BILL

I'D GONE
WITH THE
FLOW UNTIL
NOW.

OK.
I'll buy some milk.



WHAT'S UP?
YOU'RE IN
A GOOD
MOOD.

I HAVE
BIG
NEWS!!

I CAN KEEP
GOING WITH
THE FLOW.



I'M GOING
TO BE IN
A MOVIE
NEXT YEAR!!
DIRECTED BY
SONOEDA!!
AND I
HAVE A
LOT OF
LINES!!



HE SAID HE
KNEW ABOUT
ME WHEN
HE WATCHED
YOUR SHOWS!

WHAT?! WAIT,
HE WAS IN THE
AUDIENCE?!

AMAZING
!!
THIS IS
HUGE!

S-
SERI-
OUSLY?



AHH...!
AFTER
I FIRST
SAW YOUR
SHOW...

...IT WAS
SO WORTH
WORKING UP
THE COURAGE
TO TALK TO
YOU!

NO,
WAIT.

WHAT AM I
THINKING?

MY WORLD
HAS EXPANDED
SO MUCH
SINCE I MET
YOU.

BEFORE
THAT IT WAS
LIKE I LIVED
MY LIFE ON
AUTOPILOT!

NORMALLY
ANYBODY
WOULD BE
GLAD TO
HEAR THAT.

STAB

WHEN
WE FIRST
MET...

...I GOT THE
FEELING THAT
YOU WOULD
CHANGE MY LIFE!
AND I WAS
RIGHT!





...

AM I
JUST A
STEPPING
STONE?



NO,
NO
GOOD.

...HUH?

IT
FIGURES
HA ...
HA.



IT IS
WEIRD.



I THOUGHT
I WAS OKAY
WITH GOING
WITH THE
FLOW.

DRUNK?
YEAH
SURE...
OR
RATHER...



WHA...
WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO YOU?
WHAT ARE
YOU...

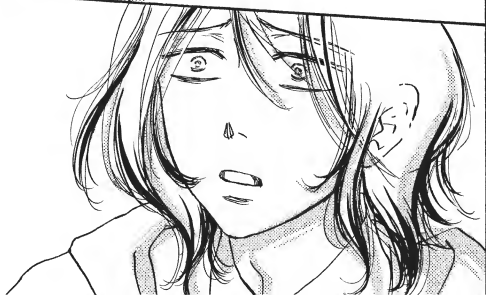
YOU'RE
ACTING WEIRD,
MAKOTO-SAN.
ARE YOU
DRUNK?

WHAT?!

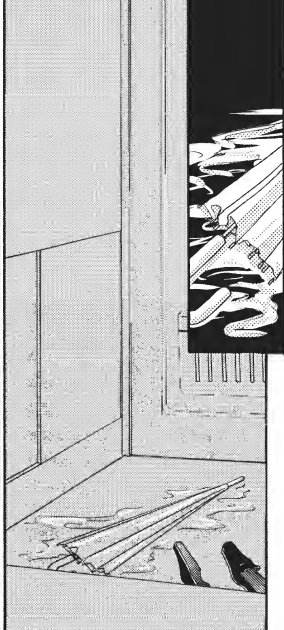
DID YOU
APPROACH
ME BECAUSE
OF THAT
FEELING?



...YOU JUST
SOBERED
ME UP.







WE WERE
TOGETHER
BECAUSE IT'S
LONELY ON
YOUR OWN.

...IT'S
STRANGE.

IF I WAS
JUST LONELY,
WHERE COULD
ANY DOUBTS
COME FROM?

RATHER THAN
SUCCUMBING
TO DOUBTS...

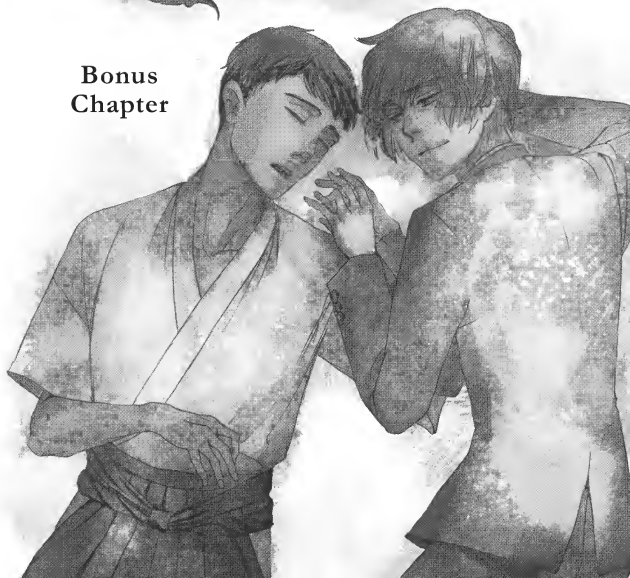
...CUT THE
DAMN THING
OFF BEFORE
IT BITES YOU
IN THE ASS.

SOMETHING
DOESN'T
MATCH UP.





**Bonus
Chapter**





KATAK
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KATAK
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WHAT?
BUT I HATE
THAT GUY'S
WORK.

DIRECTOR
YAMAUCHI'S
WORKSHOP
WILL DEFINITELY
BE GOOD.

TWO YEARS
AFTER I WAS
DUMPED BY
MY FIRST
LOVE IN HIGH
SCHOOL...

CLAMOR
カ
ヤ

CLAMOR
カ
ヤ

CLAMOR
カ
ヤ



READ
Takoyaki party day after

TAP
TAP

YEAH,
YEAH.

LISTENING
TO PEOPLE
YOU DON'T
LIKE IS
GOOD FOR
YOU.

I'LL GO
IF YOU'LL
GO.

...AM
STUDYING
FILM AT
AN ART
SCHOOL.

I,
YOSHIYA
KANDA
(19)...

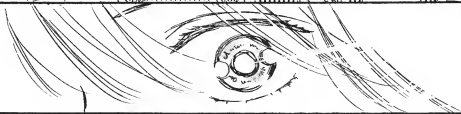
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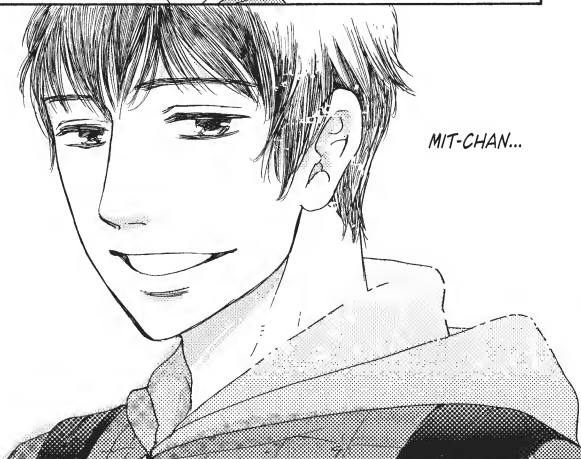
...TO
WAIT
FOR...



HE'S LATE.
SHOULD WE
WAIT HERE,
OR GO
SOMEWHERE...

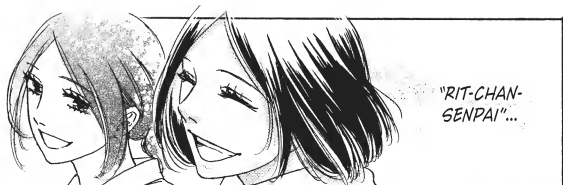


MI...



MIT-CHAN...







I SAW
MY FIRST
LOVE.



!!



DID YOU
SEE SOME-
ONE?



WHEN WE
HAPPENED TO
MEET AGAIN
AFTER I TRANS-
FERRED AWAY...

...I THOUGHT
THAT WAS
A MIRACLE,
TOO.



IT MUST BE
A MIRACLE.

WHAT A
COINCIDENCE.
IN A CROWD,
NO LESS.



BUT...

...WE'RE NEVER
MEANT TO BE
TOGETHER...

"I'LL ALWAYS
BE ROOTING
FOR YOU
TOO, NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS!"



"I'LL NEVER
CHANGE
MY PHONE
NUMBER AND
MAIL!"

EVERY TIME
I DO, I FEEL
A TWINGE IN
MY CHEST.

SOMETIMES...
I STILL
WANT THAT.

BUT EVERY
TIME I
REACHED FOR
MY PHONE,
I STOPPED
MYSELF...

AND I WANTED
TO SEE
MIT-CHAN SO
MANY TIMES.

I'M SURE
THAT WAS THE
ABSOLUTE
TRUTH.



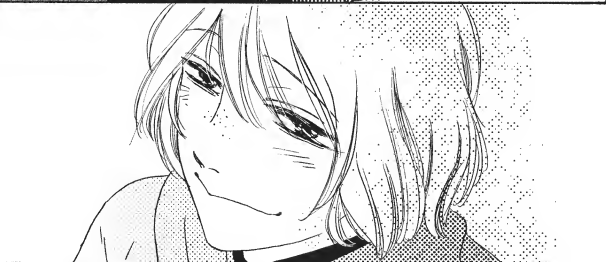




...STILL
HAVE ME.

ME.

YOU...



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は
BLUSH

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!
ARE YOU
STUPID?!

You mean
here?!

AND
GENERALLY,
I'M THE ONE
WHO TAKES
THE LEAD.

HE'S ALSO
GOT A PICKY
STREAK THAT
CAN BE A PAIN.

KEEP SAYING
THAT, AND I'LL
KISS YOU.

Right here.

HE'S NOT
PARTICULARLY
TALL.

HE'S SKINNY
AND AS
UNRELIABLE
AS ME.

HE'S
NOTHING
LIKE MIT-
CHAN.

*BUT WE'RE
MEANT TO BE
TOGETHER.*



The End

REVEALED ✿

CHARACTER DATA



His freckles
are his
charm point!



I actually
like them!

YOSHIYA

BORN: JULY 8TH, TYPE AB, CANCER ♉

LIKES: TAKOYAKI

DISLIKES: THE FATTY PARTS OF PORK,
CHICKEN SKIN (THE TEXTURE!!)

* PRONE TO NASAL INFLAMMATION (ALWAYS HAS
TISSUES).

* NOT QUITE THE VIENNA BOY'S CHOIR TYPE, BUT
WAS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE A BOY YOU'D SEE IN
A EUROPEAN CITY... SUPPOSED TO, ANYWAY.

* DOESN'T REALIZE IT HIMSELF, BUT HE IS ACTUALLY
QUITE IMPISH.





MIT-CHAN



BORN: SEPTEMBER 10TH, TYPE O, VIRGO

LIKES: KOREAN BARBECUE, RED BEAN ICE CREAM

DISLIKES: FOODS WITH UNFAMILIAR FOREIGN NAMES (LIKE ACQUA PAZZA)

* HAS A YOUNGER SISTER (THOUGH SHE DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE MANGA).

* DOESN'T DRESS UP MUCH. OKAY WITH WEARING AN ENTIRE OUTFIT FROM UNIQL* OR CHEAP TRACK SUITS. SO IF HE GETS ASKED TO GO ON A SUDDEN DATE, HE'S IN TROUBLE.

I don't know
what to wear!!



I wanna dress
up for a date at
least!!



Only one with
an artistic pose.

Doesn't
dislike
alcohol, he
just can't
drink!

YUU



BORN: JUNE 1ST, TYPE B, GEMINI
LIKES: FRIED EGGS, CORN
(EATS IT STRAIGHT OUT OF
THE CAN WITH A SPOON)
DISLIKES: CABBAGE CORES,
BLACK COFFEE
(LIKES IT WITH MILK)



HERE

- * PROUD OF WORKING AT THE TAKOYAKI SHOP.
- * DISAPPOINTED HE DIDN'T GROW TALLER.
- * WANTS A CAT OR DOG BUT DOESN'T THINK HE CAN TAKE CARE OF ONE HIMSELF.

Maybe I'll move in with
Makoto-san and get one...



Hatching
his plots.



MAKOTO



BORN: OCTOBER 15TH, TYPE A, LIBRA
LIKES: FRIED FISHCAKE, CHILLED TOFU
(TASTES CHANGED WITH AGE...)

DISLIKES: SPINACH AND SESAME
(TASTES DIDN'T CHANGE WITH AGE...)

- * NEARLY CRIED WHEN HE BEGAN TO FEEL OLD.
- * RAISED WELL, SO HE CAN WEAR CHEAP CLOTHES FASHIONABLY.
- * SOMETIMES WONDERS HOW LONG HE CAN ENDURE THE RISING PRICES OF CIGARETTES.



~ You can't smoke most
places these days
either...
I feel small...

AFTERWORD

THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP A COPY
OF *INTERWINING LIVES*!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE THIS
STORY. THIS WAS MY FIRST ATTEMPT...
A LOT OF SECTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN
WRITTEN ON IMPULSE OR FEEL UNDER-
DEVELOPED, BUT I'M VERY GLAD IT'S
FINALLY COME TOGETHER.

I'M ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER
PEOPLE ENJOY MY WORK OR NOT. BUT IF
I'M ABLE TO WRITE ANOTHER STORY, I'D
BE DELIGHTED IF YOU GET A BIT OF FUN
OUT THAT ONE AS WELL.

FINALLY, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WAS
INVOLVED IN WRITING THIS MANGA.



INTERTWINING LIVES

TRANSLATION NOTES

PAGE 13.1, *HAKAMA*

HAKAMA ARE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE TROUSERS TAKEN FROM A CHINESE DESIGN WHICH DATE BACK TO SIXTH-CENTURY JAPAN. IN THE PRESENT DAY, THEY ARE WORN BY CERTAIN SHINTO PRIESTS AND DURING TEA CEREMONIES, AMONG OTHER PRACTICES OF LONG-HELD JAPANESE CUSTOMS. BUT THEY ARE ALSO WORN AS UNIFORMS (DOUGI) FOR CERTAIN MARTIAL ARTS SUCH AS AIKIDO, KENDO (FENCING) AND KYUUDOU (ARCHERY). HAKAMA ARE HELD UP BY FOUR CORDS THAT ARE WRAPPED AROUND THE WAIST AND TIED OFF.



PAGE 127.3, *SUICA CARD*

SUICA IS AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR MOST TRAINS, SUBWAYS AND SOME BUSES IN THE EASTERN JAPANESE AREA. THE PREPAID CARD CAN SIMPLY BE TOUCHED TO MOST OF THE GATES IN THE TRAIN SYSTEM TO ALLOW ONE THROUGH, AND WHEN TOUCHED WHEN EXITING, AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCTS THE PRICE OF THE FARE FROM THE CARD. OTHER REGIONS HAVE SIMILAR CARDS SUCH AS WESTERN JAPAN'S ICOCA CARD.



PAGE 129.5, *STATION LUNCH BOX*

THERE ARE VENDORS WHO SELL LUNCH BOXES WITHIN CERTAIN TRAIN STATIONS IN JAPAN, AND MANY TIMES, THESE LUNCH BOXES INCLUDE LOCAL SPECIALTIES. THESE HAVE BECOME SO POPULAR THAT THEY ARE NOW SOLD, NOT ONLY FOR LONG TRAIN TRIPS, BUT ALSO IN LOCAL SUPERMARKETS. SOME PEOPLE TRAVEL VERY LONG DISTANCES IN ORDER TO SAMPLE THE STATION LUNCH BOXES OF CERTAIN REGIONS.



PAGE 135.5, *YAMADA-KUN*

SHOTEN IS A JAPANESE TV COMEDY PROGRAM THAT WAS FIRST BROADCAST IN 1966. WHEN GUESTS ON THE SHOW SAY SOMETHING FUNNY OR WITTY, THEY ARE GIVEN A ZABUTON OR FLOOR CUSHION BY YAMADA TAKAO, FORMER POPSTAR OF 70S IDOL GROUP ZUTORUBI AND NOW HAPLESS SIDEKICK AND OBJECT OF RIDICULE ON THE SHOW.



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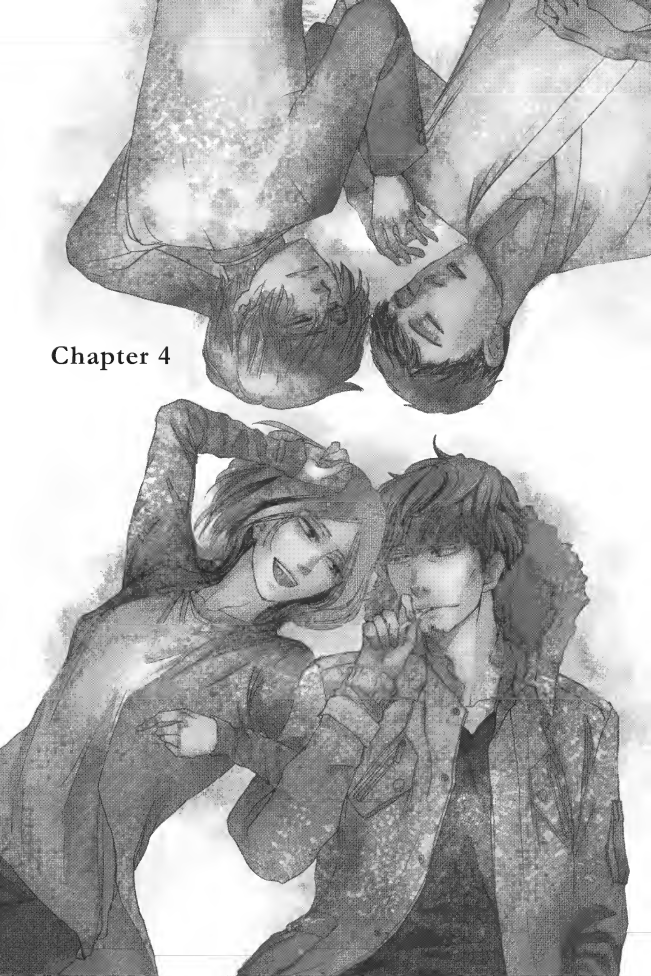
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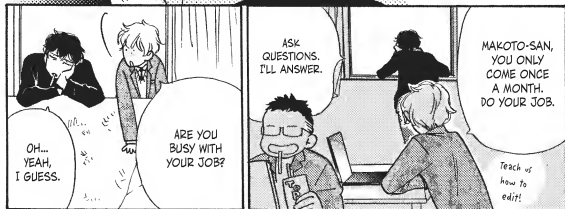
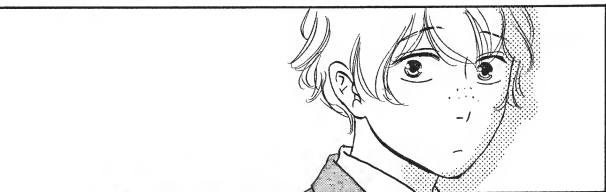
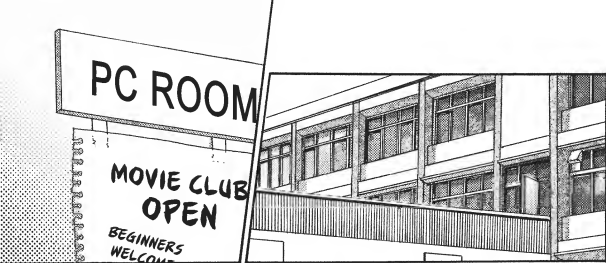


"AM I JUST
A STEPPING
STONE?"



"YOU JUST
SOBERED
ME UP.."

"AN ACTOR
IS CAPABLE
OF SAYING
ANYTHING."





DON'T YOU
WANT TO BE
GOOGLED?

NO WAY.
YOU'LL
GOOGLE
ME.

SHOW
ME,
THEN.

YOU
SUCK AT
GOOGLING.

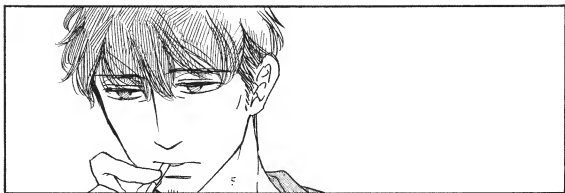
DO YOU
ACTUALLY
HAVE A
JOB?

BY THE WAY,
I COULDN'T
FIND YOU
WHEN I
GOOGLED
YOU.



MY
(VOLUNTEER)
MONTHLY
TEACHING
SESSIONS AT
THE CLUB...



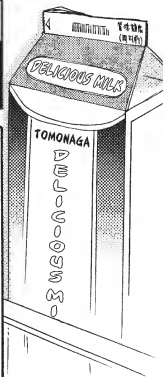


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DOES?

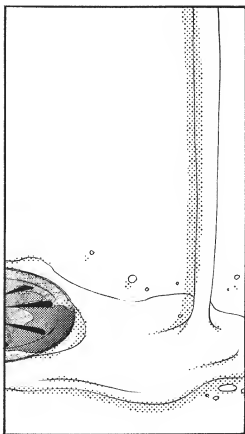
"HELP MY
MOOD?"



!!
THE
MILK'S
ALMOST
EXPIRED!!



I SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN,
BUT THIS
IS REALLY
BAD!



"I KNOW
I'M A KID."



...OR DID
I JUST
HIT A
BULL'S
EYE?

MAYBE IT
WAS A HUGE
SHOCK?

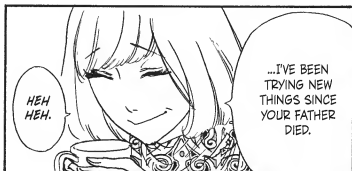
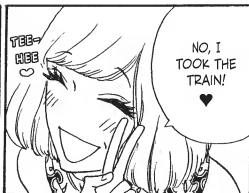
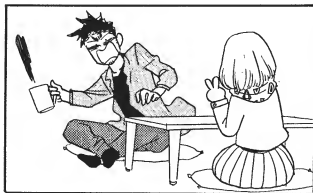
I THOUGHT
YUU WOULD
PUT UP MORE
RESISTANCE,
BUT HE LEFT
WITHOUT MUCH
OF A FIGHT.

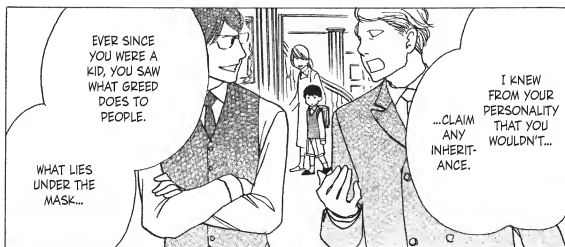
I SAID
SOME
PRETTY
AWFUL
SHIT...

"AN ACTOR
IS CAPABLE
OF SAYING
ANYTHING."











MAKOTO-
SAN.

IF YOU'RE
EVER HARD
UP, YOU
CAN ASK
FOR HELP.

...SOME-
WHERE
INSIDE
YOU...

...YOU LOVE
PEOPLE
AND WANT
TO TRUST
THEM.

I THINK
THAT'S
BECAUSE...



NEXT, I'M
GOING TO
TRY ONE OF
THOSE STA-
TION LUNCH
BOXES!

see
you
later!

I'LL
ALWAYS BE
WATCHING
OVER YOU.



...ACTED TOUGH
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN MY
SCAREDY-CAT.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS...

HEE
HEE



...AND WANT
TO TRUST
THEM."

...YOU LOVE
PEOPLE...

"SOMEWHERE
INSIDE YOU..."



...SURE
DIDN'T
TRUST YUU.

BUT I...

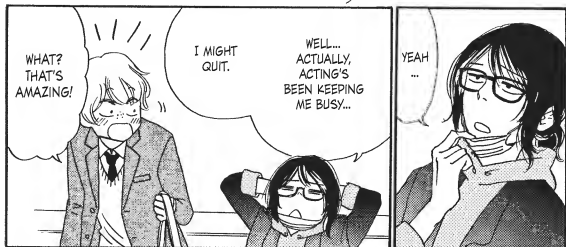
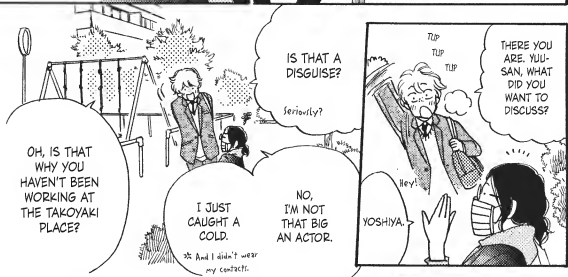


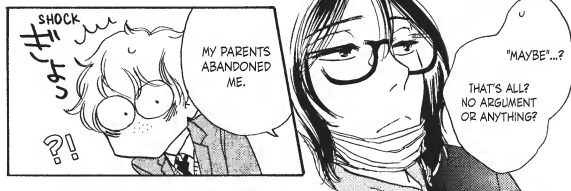
BEFORE
HE COULD
STRIKE
THAT FATAL
BLOW...

...I QUIT
TRUSTING
HIM.

I'M TOO
OLD...

...TO BE
THIS
WEAK...









HE'S
FINE...

HUH...?



I WISH...

...I COULD
BE IN ONE
AGAIN...



YOU
SHOULD BE
PROUD OF
THAT.

HE KNOWS A
LOT ABOUT
THEATER
AND MOVIES.

YOSHIYA.

MAKOTO-SAN
PRAISED
YOUR MOVIE,
DIDN'T HE?

HIS SHOWS
ARE ACTUALLY
AMAZING.

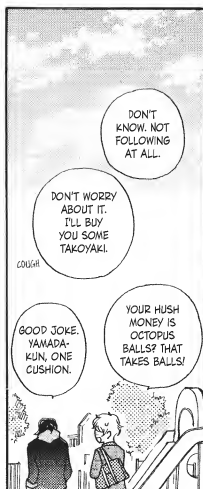
WE SHOULD
GO SEE ONE
SOMETIME.

IT'S NOT
SOME PLOT.

IT'S HOW
I ACTUALLY
FEEL...

I WANT
TO BE IN
MAKOTO-
SAN'S
SHOWS...

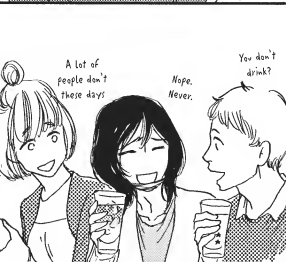
...AND BE
WITH HIM.

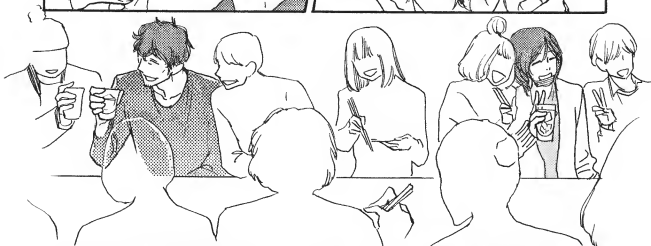
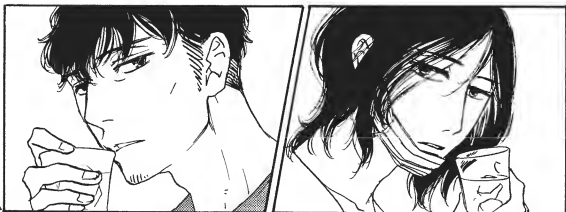




SIGN: HINAKO







YASUI-SAN...?



YANAGI-HARA. GOT A SECOND?

OH... NO, I'M...

YUU-KUN?

Going to the next bar?



GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE!

THANK YOU!

WHO'S COMING TO THE NEXT BAR?



THERE
WAS AN
ARTICLE
ABOUT
OUR
SHOW...
DID YOU
READ IT?



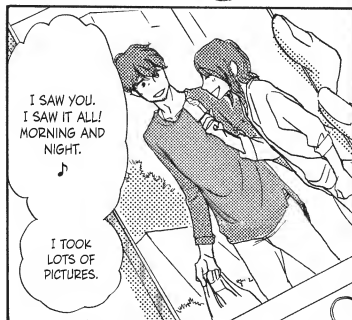
YOU'RE GONNA
TELL ME YOU'VE
ALWAYS LOVED
ME, RIGHT?
YASUI-SAN,
WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING
EVER GETS
TO YOU,
HUH?

...BUT A
DIRECTOR
ASKED FOR YOU
SPECIFICALLY.

ON TOP OF THAT,
I NEVER GOT A
MOVIE ROLE...

...BUT THE
ARTICLE WAS ALL
ABOUT YOU. NOT
ONLY WEREN'T
YOU THE STAR,
YOU WERE A
REPLACEMENT!

IT WAS
MY FIRST
STARRING
ROLE...





HOW COULD
HE BE
TAKEN IN
BY YOU?

HONESTLY,
I'M DISAP-
POINTED IN
MAKOTO-
SAN.



CAUGHT ME
OFF GUARD.
JUST HOW
OFTEN DO
YOU DO
THIS?

I DON'T HEAR
ANY DENIALS.
I'M RIGHT?
SO YOU TWO
ARE GAY?
GOD THAT'S
GROSS!!



WHOOSH

WHOA.



SLAM

WHA...

WHOA?!

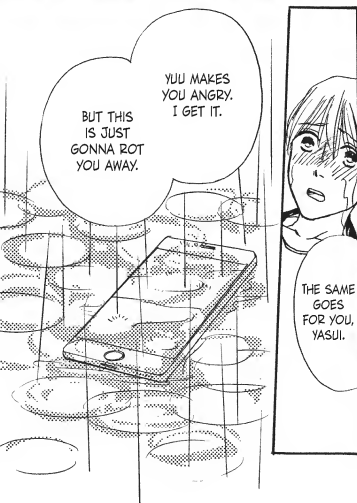


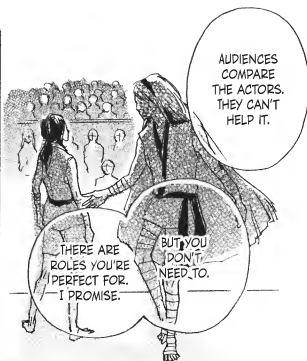
YOUR
CHOICE...

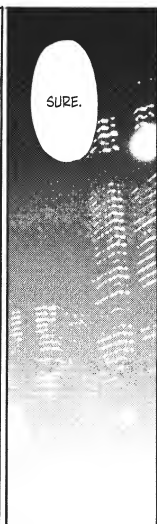
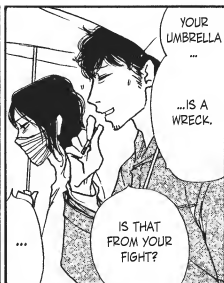
...OR WRECK
YOUR FACE
SO BADLY
YOU WON'T
EVER WORK
AGAIN.

I
COULD
RAPE
YOU...











"NOT A SINGLE WORD IS EVER TO COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH..."

...THAT INSULTS MAKOTO-SAN!"

AND... THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DID.
FOR DEFENDING ME.



SORRY I DOUBTED YOU.



I SUCK.



I NEVER...

...LIE ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT ...



NO BIG DEAL... I JUST SAID WHAT I REALLY THOUGHT...



I SHOULD TELL YOU WHAT I REALLY THINK, TOO.

YUU.



NOW...

...AND
PROBABLY
FOREVER.

I DO.

I LOVE
YOU.



THIS...

...ISN'T
A LIE.

I WANT
YOU TO
SUCCEED.

IT'S
BOTTOM
OF THE
HEART
STUFF.

FOR
THAT VERY
REASON...



BUT
YUU...



I...

...LOVE
YOU, THE
ACTOR.



YOU'RE
GETTING MORE
WORK. THIS IS
AN IMPORTANT
TIME FOR...

WE
SHOULDN'T
SEE EACH
OTHER.

IT WOULD
DESTROY YOU
IF THOSE KINDS
OF RUMORS
SPREAD.







SORRY...

IT WON'T
WORK.



WHY...



WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?

WHAT?

ARE YOU
JUST
TOYING
WITH ME?



WHAT...?



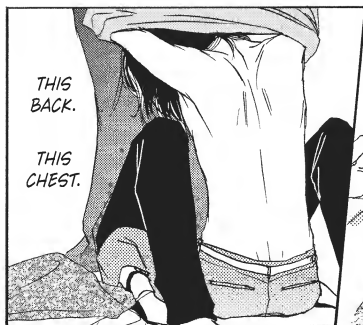
WHEN
YOU'RE
NOT HERE...

...I'M NO
GOOD
ANYMORE.









THIS
HAND.



THESE
LEGS.

WHY DID
I THINK I
COULD LIVE
WITHOUT
TOUCHING
THEM?



BEING...

...WITH
YUU EVERY
DAY...

THAT'S
BECOME MY
"ORDINARY
LIFE"...

YUU...

...

YUU.

HEH.

BUT THIS
IS WHERE
WE SLEPT...

SORRY...
YOU HAVE
A COLD.

MUSS

MUSS \$\$\$

What a mess!

MUSS

MUSS

OH...

YEAH,
I'M
FINE...

IT'S
MORNING.

かば
GWUP



...DON'T
EVER RUN
OUT OF
MILK AGAIN.

GRAB
IN THAT
CASE...

GRAB



ONE LITER
CARTON
OF MILK.

YUU,
I'M BA...

ACHOO!

THAT'S
OUR
ORDINARY
LIFE.